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Guidance

GCSE, AS and A level subjects accredited to be taught from 2016

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This page shows the status of specifications submitted to Ofqual to be taught as GCSEs, AS and A levels from September 2016.

Exam boards take these subject content and requirements documents and use them to produce a specification and sample assessment materials for any subject they wish to offer. The specification is submitted to Ofqual for consideration. Ofqual convenes a panel of subject and assessment experts to scrutinise the specification and make a decision on whether it meets all


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the requirements for that subject. If it does, it will be accredited and teachers will be able to use it. If it does not, it will be sent back to the exam board and they will have to change their specification based on the feedback given by Ofqual. When they have made the amendments they will submit the new specification.

We have produced [a diagram of the accreditation process](#)__.

1.

Key information

Entry	Meaning
	Specification accredited
-	Exam board is not submitting a specification for this subject
'submission due'	The date the exam board is aiming to submit for accreditation
'awaiting submission'	We are awaiting a submission from the exam board but they have not indicated when we will receive it or the date they indicated has passed 
'submission received'	We have received a specification from the exam board and it is awaiting an accreditation decision

1.1 Accreditation of science specifications

We have considered second submissions for all GCSE science subjects together. The status of GCSE science submissions will be updated by 5 February 2016.



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GCSEs

-	AQA	OCR	Pearson (Edexcel)	WJEC/CBAC
Art and design				
Biology	2nd submission received 11 December 2015	Spec A: 2nd submission received 4 December 2015 Spec B: 2nd submission received 27 November 2015	2nd submission received 11 December 2015	2nd submission received 16 December 2015
Chemistry	2nd submission received 11 December 2015	Spec A: 2nd submission received 18 December 2015 Spec B: 2nd submission received 11 December 2015	2nd submission received 11 December 2015	2nd submission received 16 December 2015
Citizenship	Awaiting 3rd submission	Awaiting 3rd submission		-
Classical Greek	-		-	-
Combined science	Spec 'Synergy': 2nd submission received 11 December 2015 Spec 'Trilogy': 2nd submission received 11 December 2015	Spec A: 2nd submission received 18 December 2015 Spec B: 2nd submission received 17 December 2015	2nd submission received 11 December 2015	2nd submission received 16 December 2015
Computer science		3rd submission received 19 January 2016		

Dance	Awaiting 3rd submission	-	-	-
Drama	2nd submission received 22 January 2016	2nd submission received 2 December 2015	3rd submission received 25 January 2016	Awaiting 3rd submission
Food preparation and nutrition	Awaiting 3rd submission	Awaiting 3rd submission	-	
French		Awaiting 3rd submission	3rd submission received 25 January 2016	3rd submission received 16 December 2015
Geography	Awaiting 4th submission	Spec A: Spec B:	Spec A: Spec B:	Spec A: Spec B:
German		Awaiting 3rd submission	3rd submission received 25 January 2016	3rd submission received 16 December 2015
History		Spec A: Spec B: awaiting 4th submission		
Latin	-		-	
Music	3rd submission received 25 January 2016			
Physical education		Awaiting 3rd submission		Awaiting 3rd submission
Physics	2nd submission received 11 December 2015	Spec A: 2nd submission received 11 December 2015 Spec B: 2nd submission received 4 December 2015	2nd submission received 11 December 2015	2nd submission received 16 December 2015

Religious studies	Spec A: Awaiting 3rd submission	Spec: 2nd submission received 15 January 2016	Spec A: 2nd submission received 20 January 2016	Spec: 2nd submission received 9 December 2015
	Spec B: Awaiting 3rd submission		January 2016	December 2015
	Spec 'SC': Awaiting 3rd submission	Spec 'SC': awaiting 2nd submission	Spec B: 2nd submission received 20 January 2016	Spec 'SC': 2nd submission received 15 December 2015
			Spec 'SC A': 2nd submission received 20 January 2016	
			Spec 'SC B': 2nd submission received 20 January 2016	
Spanish		Awaiting 3rd submission	3rd submission received 25 January 2016	3rd submission received 16 December 2015

3.

AS and A levels

-	AQA	OCR	Pearson (Edexcel)	WJEC/CBAC
Classical Greek: A level			-	-
Classical Greek: AS level	-	3rd submission received 22 January 2016	-	-
Dance: A level		-	-	-
Dance: AS level		-	-	-

Drama and theatre: A level	2nd submission received 22 January 2016			Submission received 2 December 2016
Drama and theatre: AS level	2nd submission received 22 January 2016			Submission received 2 December 2016
French: A level	Awaiting 3rd submission	2nd submission received 17 December 2015	Awaiting 2nd submission	Awaiting 3rd submission
French: AS level	Awaiting 3rd submission	2nd submission received 12 December 2015	Awaiting 2nd submission	Awaiting 3rd submission
Geography: A level	2nd submission received 18 December 2015	2nd submission received 18 January 2016	Awaiting 3rd submission	Awaiting 3rd submission
Geography: AS level	2nd submission received 18 December 2015	Awaiting 2nd submission	Awaiting 3rd submission	Awaiting 3rd submission
German: A level	Awaiting 3rd submission	2nd submission received 17 December 2015	Awaiting 2nd submission	Awaiting 3rd submission
German: AS level	Awaiting 3rd submission	2nd submission received 12 December 2015	Awaiting 2nd submission	Awaiting 3rd submission
Latin: A level	-		-	-
Latin: AS level	-	3rd submission received 22 January 2016	-	-
Music: A level				
Music: AS level				
Physical education:	2nd submission received 4			2nd submission received 6

A level	December 2015			November 2015
Physical education: AS level	2nd submission received 4 December 2015			2nd submission received 6 November 2015
Religious studies: A level	2nd submission received 16 December 2015	Awaiting 2nd submission	2nd submission received 15 December 2015	2nd submission received 25 November 2015
Religious studies: AS level	2nd submission received 16 December 2015	Awaiting 2nd submission	2nd submission received 15 December 2015	2nd submission received 2 December 2015
Spanish: A level	Awaiting 3rd submission	2nd submission received 17 December 2015	Awaiting 2nd submission	Awaiting 3rd submission
Spanish: AS level	Awaiting 3rd submission	2nd submission received 16 December 2015	Awaiting 2nd submission	Awaiting 3rd submission

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